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Students, faculty seek parking solution

Overcrowded lots, garages cause frustrations for drivers at USC

Josh Dawsey
STAFF WRITER

Crosby Matthews frequently enters the Bull Street parking garage hunting a parking spot. He often leaves after circling the garage several times, without finding a spot, late for class, and frustrated with the system.

"It sucks because there are so many people trying to come in here," Matthews, a third-year economics student from Knoxville, Tenn., said.

Matthews is one of many USC students who attempt to park on campus every day. With over 27,000 students, there just aren't enough spots, although the university is working toward a solution.

Only 16,847 parking spots are available on campus. Therefore, it is impossible for the university to supply enough spots for the over 30,000 students, faculty and staff that are on campus each day.

"There isn't enough parking, but we're trying to work on the problem," USC spokesman Russ McKinney said. "We're trying to bring parking to campus in a way that's conducive to the rest of campus."

The university, looking to improve the situation for the 2008-2009 academic year, added 2,400 garage spots in the new Innovista complex.

While the new spots undoubtedly improved the issue, most students say more parking is still needed.

Parking garage spaces on campus go for over \$500 a year, and for students who have the financial resources to purchase one, there often aren't any available.

The seven garages on campus quickly fill up before the year begins, and students trying to get a spot are left empty-handed.

"I just can't get a garage spot," Zack Miller, a second-year marketing student, said. "I tried to get one, but they were all full."

Students unable to obtain garage spaces are offered student parking, on a first-come, first-serve basis, for \$70 a year.

Spots in student lots are virtually impossible to find during peak times of the day, so many students arrive much earlier than their classes to secure a spot.

Blaine Willis, a first-year sports and entertainment management student from Lexington, Ky., said he received a parking ticket on Tuesday near Capstone House. He said the ticket was unfair.

"Before I left my vehicle, I asked if the park was legal, and I was told it was," Willis said. "When I got back, I had a parking ticket."

University policy says any vehicle parked illegally around campus can be ticketed and towed at the discretion of the University Police Department.

"We don't get many complaints from students that say they didn't deserve a parking ticket," McKinney said. "We try to enforce the policies fairly."

The \$15 citation must be paid within 72 hours by check or the fee rises. Students can appeal tickets, but many say the time invested into an appeal makes the process not worth it.

Commuter students are having problems



Alan Tauber / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Bull Street Garage, filled all the way to its roof level, is part of a university parking system that many students feel is inadequate for the daily influx of vehicles.

finding parking spaces on campus. The biggest spot of concern for the university is parking near the Carolina Coliseum, said McKinney.

It's an acute area for traffic problems due to commuter students, McKinney said, and the university hopes to iron the situation out within the next few weeks.

"There are problems behind the Coliseum at the beginning of the year with the commuter lots, but after everyone figures

out their schedules, it normally improves," McKinney said.

Relegated to one of the various first-come, first-serve student lots on campus, Miller said parking isn't even worth it.

"What's the point in even having my truck on campus if you can't move it?" Miller asked.

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Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

MINI Cooper is big deal for environment

Poll results in for Pastides's new green machine; sporty car handily outpaces Toyota Prius, Honda Civic Hybrid

Liz Segrist
NEWS EDITOR

If you see a Gamecock-colored MINI Cooper driving around campus, it's most likely the university president.

The final votes are in for President Harry Pastides's new car, with the MINI Cooper winning with 239 votes.

The Toyota Prius ended with 145 votes, and the Honda Civic Hybrid lagged behind with 100 votes.

President Pastides said he wanted to choose something better for the environment.

"I wanted them to know that environmentalism starts with the individual," Pastides said. "It's easy to think that society has to change, but it's more important to be aware that each of us can do something little or big in every decision that we make."

Andrew Gaeckle, the Student Body President, said he thinks it was a neat idea.

"I never expected him to have students pick his car, but it just shows how he's open to letting students get on board with his new initiatives," said the fourth-year international studies student.

Pastides said he is excited because it's easily recognizable and he hopes his new car will serve as a reminder to students.

"I think when they see the president in a Gamecock-

MINI ● 4A

SENATE ADDRESSES TICKET WOES, BIOBOXES, FINANCES

SG considers TicketReturn grievances, plans strides in dining sustainability

Kara Apel
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The first Student Senate meeting for the fall 2008 semester was held last night in the Senate Chambers.

Student Body Vice President Meredith Ross announced a change in dining containers during the meeting. According to Ross, the Bioboxes will be done away with next week, replaced by plates with lids, which will be more environmentally friendly.

"This new container will not cost an extra price," Ross said.

Throughout the meeting, the Senate discussed projects Student Government has been working on during the summer and hopes to complete during the remainder of the term.

One of the major initiatives SG has just seen through was advocating space in the budget for USC to create the director of sustainability position. Ross said Michael Coleman was hired a couple of weeks ago to take up the position.

Another initiative SG has worked on all summer was to make paying parking tickets

available online, an option that should be available in January 2009.

Student Body Treasurer Jonathan Antonio and Sen. Diana Brown said they had worked out a revised version of the finance codes and had taken notes from the finance codes of other SEC schools to make them as successful as possible.

Another project Antonio has tackled this summer was working with the Moore Business School.

"There will be three personal finance classes

fact that students are upset with the system, but he assured the Senate the kinks will work out and the system will prove to be a good fit for the university.

Disadvantages to the old ticketing system, according to Stroman, included students having to skip class to camp out for tickets and students selling tickets to others.

"In the long run, this system will prove to be effective for the university," Stroman said.

Student Body President



Chad Simmons / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

President Pro Tempore Ben Bullock addresses Senate at a Russell House meeting that covered both football and parking tickets.

for non-business majors," Antonio said.

Sen. Alex Stroman, the Committee Chair for Athletics, spoke about the new athletic event ticketing system, TicketReturn.com.

Stroman addressed the

SENATE ● 4A

Remembering Ocean Isle

A memorial portrait will be unveiled today at a 2 p.m. ceremony to honor Cassidy Fae Pendley, a student who died in the Ocean Isle Beach fire Oct. 28.

The College of Engineering and Computing will unveil this in the Swearingen Engineering Center in the Reading Room on the first floor. The Cassidy Fae Pendley Memorial Scholarship in Engineering Fund has been founded by Pendley's parents to keep her spirit alive, according to a news release.

Pendley was a first-year chemical engineering student, as well as a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Stephanie M. Johnson, a biomedical engineering student, is the first to receive this scholarship, according to a news release.

For more information on tomorrow's events, contact Michael Perkins at 803-777-4177.

— Compiled by News Editor Liz Segrist



Sports

He swears this is his last year. Read 5 Questions with Jake Broom while you still can. See page 5B

The Mix

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Today @ USC

TODAY

5:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.
AAAS Annual Fashion Show
Russell House, Room 301

6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
EMPOWER meeting
RH, Room 303

7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
WUSC DJ meeting
RH, Room 302

7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Nashi Anime meeting
Gambrell, Room 151

8 p.m.
USC vs. N.C. State
Williams-Brice Stadium

SUNDAY

6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Carolina Productions meeting
RH, Room 348

8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Garnet Circle meeting
RH, Rooms 322/326

MONDAY

6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Students for Life meeting
RH, Room 302

6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Indian Cultural Exchange meeting
RH, Room 203

7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Red Cross Club meeting
RH, Room 304

7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
RH, Room 348

Gamecock People

Each day of the week, this section of Page 2 will feature something new. On Thursdays, we will have short Q & As with leaders or highly involved members of campus organizations.

Greg Bajan, a fifth-year visual communications student, has been involved with Campus Crusade for Christ for three years.

Q: How many members do you have?

A: Around 300 members, both active and inactive.

Q: If you could sum up your organization in a couple words, what would they be?

A: Serving the Body of Christ.

Q: What is one thing you hope to accomplish this year in your organization?

A: Building relationships with people on campus and talking about their faith.

Q: What's your favorite meal?

A: My mom's baked ziti.

Q: If you could go anywhere right now, where would it be and why?

A: The beach just because I've been in the woods all summer and I want to be at the beach.

— Compiled by News Editor Liz Segrist

PIC OF THE DAY



Christine Galligan / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

A graffiti reading "GROW" adorns a brick wall in Columbia, adding a youthful — albeit illegal — form of expression to the urban landscape.

Local

RALEIGH, N.C. — Former Rep. Thomas Wright was found guilty of felony obstruction of justice Wednesday and sentenced to prison after his second conviction this year for political corruption.

The Wilmington Democrat was accused of preventing election officials from carrying out their duties as they investigated his failure to report \$150,000 in campaign contributions over a seven-year period.

Wright, already serving roughly six to eight years in prison for fraud, was sentenced Wednesday by Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens to between six and eight months in prison. He isn't expected to be released until 2015.

"I don't think it's the state's intent to extend the time of his incarceration," Wake County District Attorney Colon Willoughby told Stephens after jurors deliberated for about two and a half hours over two days before reaching their verdict. The trial began Monday.

Defense attorney Douglas Harris acknowledged his client made mistakes on campaign disclosure forms but argued they didn't warrant a felony obstruction charge. Harris gave notice of appeal, as he did earlier on the fraud conviction.

Wright didn't present evidence during the hearing because, Harris said, prosecutors didn't prove Wright's actions met the standard for obstruction of justice.

National

RALEIGH, N.C. — A 21-year-old mother of two who survived five days in her wrecked pickup truck was in serious condition Wednesday after being pulled from a North Carolina ravine.

A spokeswoman at Carolinas Medical Center said Amber Pennell was listed in serious condition at the Charlotte hospital, but she couldn't release details.

Pennell was found Monday night in the wreckage in trees and vines at the bottom of a 100-foot-deep ravine off U.S. Highway 321 in Lenoir in rural western North Carolina.

Her husband Mitchell Pennell said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that Amber told him she clung to life for the sake of their children, Gracelyn, 2, and 1-year-old Cameron.

"She was going to stay strong for her babies, and she did," he said.

He said surgeons put a rod in his wife's broken leg and that she would be fine despite a broken arm, skull fracture and other injuries.

Amber Pennell left work at a barbecue restaurant in Lenoir about 10 p.m. Wednesday. Searchers finally noticed a track Monday from the highway to the ravine.

Bob King, a regular at Hannah's Bar-B-Q where Pennell waited on him many times, said finding her alive after five days was a miracle.

"There was prayer lifted up for her all over this county in all the churches," King said.

World

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The ruling Hamas movement replaced hundreds of striking teachers with its own supporters Wednesday, purging Gaza's schools of political rivals and deepening its control of this coastal territory.

Labor strife this week disrupted the public school system at the start of the academic year and added to the misery in Gaza, which has suffered from international isolation and Israeli economic sanctions since the Islamic militants of Hamas violently seized power last year.

The local teachers union, one of the last remaining strongholds of the Fatah movement in Gaza, called the strike to protest the transfer of dozens of educators to new schools. It said Hamas forced the transfers to give its supporters key posts in the education system.

Hamas denied this, but then installed hundreds of new teachers almost immediately after the walkout began. Education Minister Mohammed Askoul estimated 2,000 of the 9,000 public school teachers had been replaced.

"Anybody who left their job will not be allowed to return," Askoul said. "They have become irrelevant and cannot be trusted anymore as educators."

The move ensures Gaza's education system will now be stacked with Hamas loyalists. While the group has said it will not impose its strict Islamic views on society, its control of classrooms is likely to change the tone of instruction and create more sympathy for the group's ideology among the territory's 250,000 public school students.

The dispute caused widespread confusion. Many parents kept their children home. Some students appeared torn, going to school but skipping class.

"What's happening is a joke. We came to school and the teachers told us to go home," said Hussam Abdullah, 16, standing outside his school in Gaza City. "But the new [Hamas] principal says if we don't go to school for a week, we'll be expelled."

The Hamas regime in Gaza and the Fatah-dominated administration of President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank have been sharing the same educational curriculum and exams.

— Associated Press

Crime Report

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

Disregarding a Traffic Signal and Failure to Stop for Blue Lights, 1:09 a.m.

The officer observed a black Nissan Frontier disregarding a red light, and the offender ignored the blue siren.

Reporting officer: C. Thompson

MONDAY, AUG. 25

Petit Larceny, 3 p.m.

Gambrell Hall, 817 Henderson St. A brown leather wallet was reported stolen from the victim's purse. Estimated value: \$400

Reporting officer: W. Guyon

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Army begins classes at Fort Jackson

New school in Columbia specializes in GED training for high school dropouts looking to join U.S. armed forces

Susanne M. Schafer
The Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Austin Swarner left high school to care for his mother while she fought a losing battle with cancer. Tony Brown wanted to begin supporting himself and left two classes shy of a diploma. Haelee Holden got tired of trying to make it through school while flipping burgers until 1 a.m.

But the U.S. Army, eager to fill its ranks amid wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, doesn't see them as dropouts. They are recruits who only need a GED before they're ready to begin basic training.

For these students, the Army formally opens its first prep school Wednesday.

"It's academic immersion," explained Col. Jeffrey Sanderson, chief of staff at Fort Jackson, home of the Army's largest basic training school. "Our studies show that

with only three out of every 10 people of military age being capable of joining the Army, we are going to have to do something different."

That includes turning six World War II era buildings at the base into a mini-campus of spartan classrooms and barracks. Under the year-long pilot project, classes of about 60 soldiers will enter the month-long program every week.

Their day begins in uniform at 5 a.m. with physical training. Then they attend about eight hours of academic review classes, followed by homework each evening. An hour of marching drills and military discipline is thrown in for good measure.

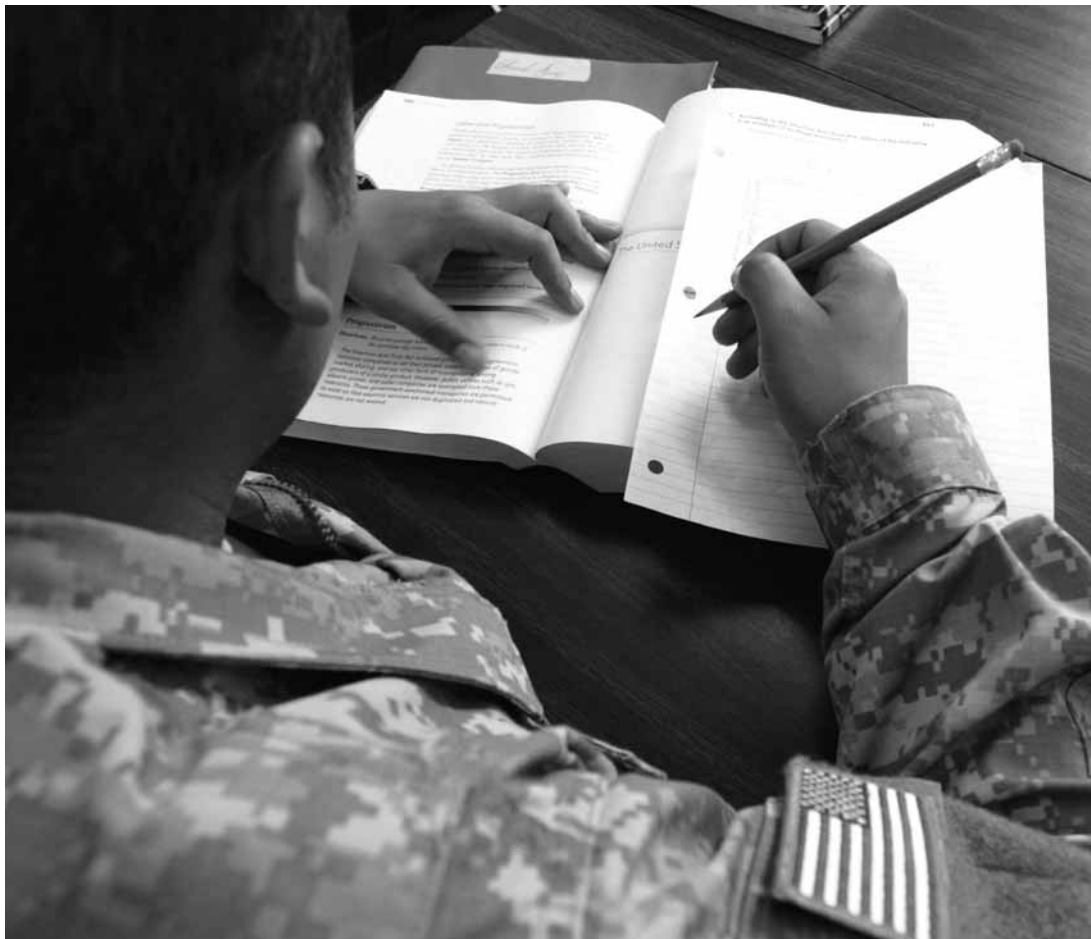
"It's a tough, structured day. Some of them have sat on the couch for 18 years, but I haven't heard any howling yet," said social studies instructor John Solis, one of 14 certified teachers on hand. "By and large, they are chomping at the bit. They are ready to go."

The soldiers work in small classrooms outfitted with simple desks, chairs and dry-erase boards. In-desk computers are used for test-taking. Grouped three to four to a class, the students hunch over special GED preparation books, working on basic math, social studies and reading selections.

Recruits must score in the top half of the Army's aptitude test to qualify for the prep school and get two tries at a General Educational Development certificate. If they still can't pass, the Army will release them from their contract, Sanderson said.

He said the Army prefers those who graduate from high school on their own because it demonstrates "tenacity." But the reality of current graduation rates has the Army pressed to find an alternative, Sanderson said.

Holden, 18, of Medford, Ore., is racing through her first week of practice tests before taking a formal GED exam soon. She left home at 16, one of nine children of a mill worker, and wants to be



Mary Ann Chastain/The Associated Press

Army private Edurado Arceo, of Pamona, Calif., studies at the new Fort Jackson school for his General Educational Development certificate. The school is the first of its kind.

a military police officer.

"There's no jobs out there, nothing. It's just horrible. And it got hard just trying to support myself and go to school at the same time," Holden said.

Swarner, a native of Baton Rouge, La., left school in the ninth grade. Now 20, he dreams of becoming a combat engineer.

With the small classes, hovering teachers and a disciplined schedule, Swarner said he's learning quickly.

"The teachers here are helping a lot. My best class is English. The hardest is probably the math," he said.

With the GED behind them, Swarner and his classmates will enter basic training at Fort Jackson, where more than half of all incoming male soldiers and more than 80 percent of female recruits go through basic combat training. Others will go to one of the Army's three other basic training sites.

Those entering prep school have signed on for a two- to four-year stint, just like any new recruit.

"We have two missions: get the GED and prepare them physically and mentally for basic training," said the school's commander, Capt. Brian Gaddis.

Last October, Army officials said they

intended to expand the force by adding 74,000 soldiers by 2010, with the active duty force growing to a total of 547,000.

But Sanderson said the Army's own studies show that only three in 10 people ages 17 to 24 are eligible to enlist, with the remainder barred by health or legal issues, or the failure to earn a high school diploma or equivalent.

A study issued by the National Priorities Project released in January found that while the Army has a goal that 90 percent of recruits be high school graduates, it hadn't met that percentage since 2004. In the 2007 budget year, the Project found that only 71 percent of soldiers entering the service had graduated.

Gaddis said he knows his students might have quit high school, but he believes that shouldn't be held against them. He added that the school is a move to reach those who have been left behind, not to attract those who are less qualified or lower than the Army's standards.

"These kids may have quit at some point, but the big thing is, a lot of people have quit on them," Gaddis said. "We are not going to allow them to quit."

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colored MINI Cooper, it will remind them of my commitment to sustainability," he said. "Students will remember their president made a choice relative to the mileage and the environment."

Pastides said the money that will be used to buy the car is not state or tuition money. It comes from a privately funded university foundation.

"It's been a tradition to

lease a car to the president at this university, and it's very common at other universities as well," he said.

Pastides said he wants students to know "that with all of the fantastic roads on the car that a president can choose, I wanted to choose something better for the environment."

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SENATE • Continued from 1A

organizations and state initiatives.

"I really want to take the time to address the issue of homelessness in Columbia," Gaecle said.

There was also a first reading of a resolution dealing with classroom campaigning, brought up by Sen. Ebbie Yazdani. The purpose of the resolution is to provide for a better classroom environment, said Yazdani, and it would not allow verbal campaigning to take place in classrooms on campus.

"We want to make next year's election process as fair as possible," Yazdani said.

A resolution to create a multicultural presidential council, which will include several student organizations on campus, was passed by the Senate with a unanimous vote of 33-0. The organizations allowed to take part in the council will be up to the discretion of the Minority Affairs Committee.

During the meeting, Antonio stressed the need for SG to remain focused during the year.

"We really need to work hard to be united," Antonio said.

Ross and Antonio also addressed the Senate on how important it is to be committed to SG.

"It's a day-by-day commitment, not just a week-by-week commitment," Antonio said.

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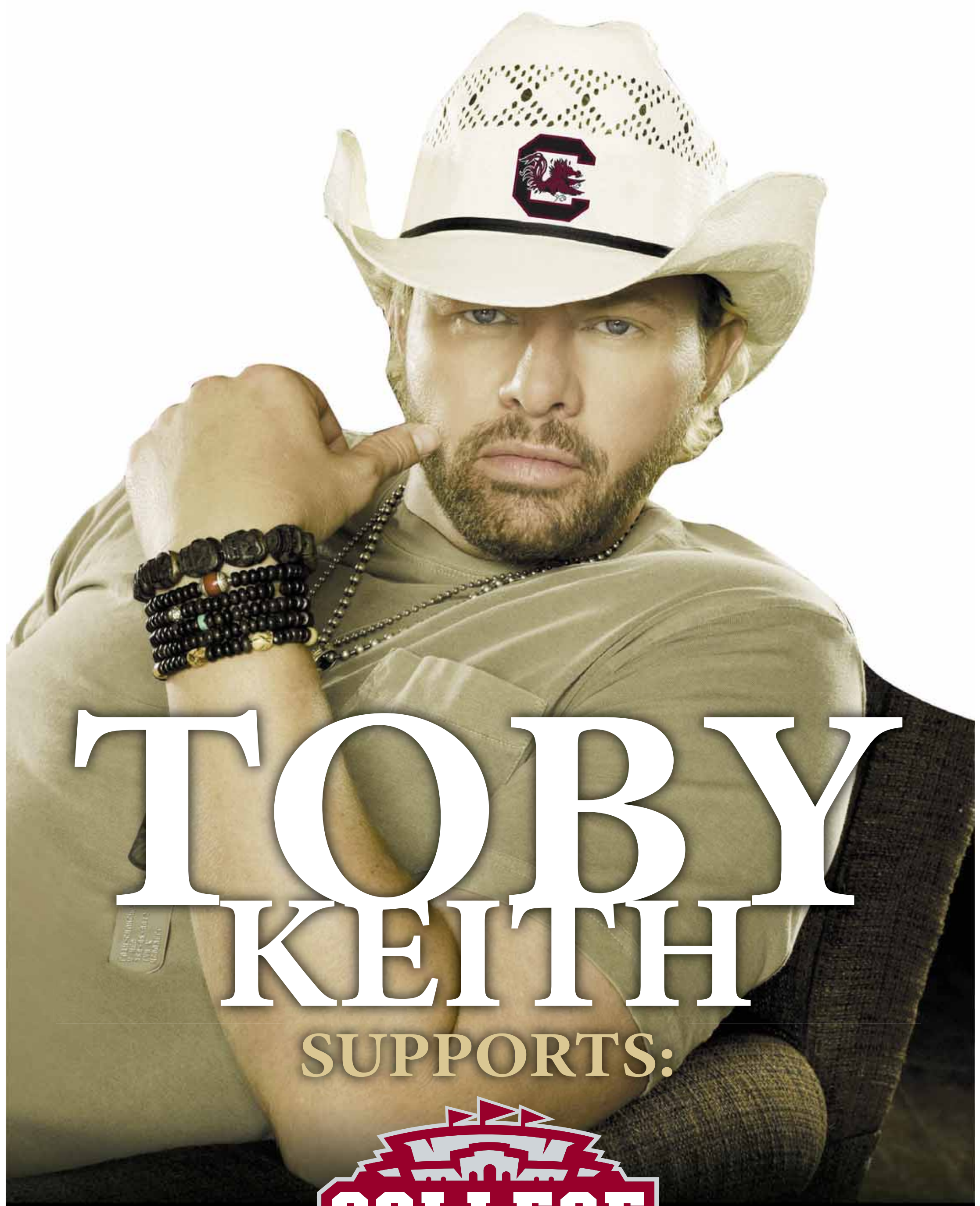
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Akron plans sewage funding

City would use waste management privatization money for scholarships

Thomas J. Sheeran
The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio - Some people dub it "stools for schools," yet a plan to lease the city's sewage system gets high marks from others.

Mayor Don Plusquellic has proposed leasing the city-owned sewage system to a private contractor for up to \$200 million and using the money to finance college scholarships for Akron's public high school graduates.

It's a novel idea, but the 100 city workers who run the sewage system oppose the plan and have forced the issue on the Nov. 4 ballot. Opponents fear privatizing public assets.

"Whenever you privatize something, you lose some control, especially controlling the sewer rates," said Willie Smith, 57, a retired stagehand and community activist who fears private operation will lead to skyrocketing sewage rate hikes.

Plusquellic, though, bristles at the notion and said the deal amounts to a trade-off.

He said money for the scholarships would help students attend the University of Akron or a trade school in the city, and turning over the system to a contractor would include rate caps and service guarantees.

Plusquellic said the plan would address a brain drain — a migration of talented students out of the city. The city's population also has dropped 4 percent,

that they eventually stay.

But the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators knows of no other program that leases a sewage system to pay for college scholarships.

The University of Akron has 24,000 students but only about 600 from Akron's public schools. Tuition costs \$8,382 a year for Ohio residents.

Plusquellic's plan is meant



Tony Dejak / The Associated Press

The city of Akron, Ohio, wants to use revenue from its toilet drainage to address a perceived 'brain drain.'

to 207,934, since 2000 because of a decline in the manufacturing industry.

Plusquellic's plan is a twist on programs in other U.S. cities, including Kalamazoo, Mich., that offer scholarships to students with the hope

to subsidize any remaining tuition after other scholarships and grants that a student gets.

But there's a hook: Plan backers favor a 30-year residency requirement to maximize return on investment.

Students who receive a scholarship would sign a contract and agree to pay Akron the equivalent of the city's municipal income tax rate for up to 30 years on future income if they choose to live and work elsewhere, said Rick Merolla, Akron's service director.



Stephan Savoia / The Associated Press

Delegates celebrate the Democratic Party's nomination of Barack Obama, D-Ill.

Dems make Obama pick official

Denver convention attendees make acclamation to fanfare

David Espo
The Associated Press

DENVER — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

Former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked delegates to the party convention to make their verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

Competing chants of "Obama" and "Yes we can" surged up from the convention floor as the outcome of a carefully scripted roll call of the states was announced.

Obama was across town in his hotel suite as the party punched his ticket into the general election campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain. He was expected to briefly visit the Pepsi Center later in the evening to thank the delegates.

The polls showed a close race ahead with the 72-year-old McCain, a former Vietnam prisoner of war, and Obama was hoping Democrats would leave their convention

united despite the hard feelings remaining from a bruising primary campaign that stretched over 18 months.

Former President Bill Clinton did his part, delivering a strong pitch for the man who outmaneuvered his wife for the nomination. "Everything I've learned in eight years as president and the work I've done since, in America and across the globe, has convinced me that Barack Obama is the man for this job," he said, to loud cheers.

Michelle Obama, watching from her seat in the balcony, stood and applauded as the former president praised her man.

The convention ends Thursday with Obama's acceptance speech, an event expected to draw a crowd of 75,000 at a nearby football stadium where an elaborate backdrop was under construction.

Obama's nomination was the main event of an evening that also included the installation of his choice of Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden as vice presidential running mate.

In prepared remarks, Biden said Obama was right about Iraq, a war he opposed from the start, and McCain was wrong.

"These times require more than a good soldier. They require a wise leader," Biden said. "A leader who can deliver change. The change that everybody knows we need."

Obama isn't the first black man to seek the White House, but he is the first with a chance to win it.

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Offshore oil drilling fails to tap into basic logic

Long timeline, low yields prevent new open areas from making much impact

Ever seen that bumper sticker that reads “four-thirds of Americans don’t understand fractions?” Well, it may be a joke, but it’s no laughing matter that a recent



RYAN QUINN
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survey shows three-fourths of Americans support increased offshore drilling. They’re wrong, and the entire U.S. economy and foreign relations — not just the polar bears — will pay for it if they don’t wise up.

It seems simple, right? We don’t have enough oil right now, so we just get some more. In the Atlantic, the Artic, the Amazon, wherever, it doesn’t matter. But the fact is that we won’t be able to extract any crude oil for another ten years. We’ll have to run the legislation through a gauntlet of vetoing Democrats, build the oil rigs, the refineries and the pipelines and even after all of that, experts indicate that the amount of oil extracted will likely be minimal.

But everyone already knows that. So why the 75 percent support rate? Because pro-drillers, including John McCain and the governor of our great state, have extolled the “psychological factor” of building our own plants, citing that since the oil market is based largely on speculation, the mere threat of drilling our own oil will drive prices down.

True, speculation does affect prices, but are they really insinuating that OPEC — the people who actually control the world’s oil supply — don’t know that it will take ten years for the first drop of oil? And furthermore, that OPEC doesn’t understand that it will still control the majority of U.S. oil when the decade is up? Ludicrous.

Barack Obama stated recently that his energy policy, which promises nearly 100 percent independence from foreign oil, will take no more than ten years to complete. But even that promise is fading quickly. As the race between Obama and McCain tightens, Obama has begun pandering to that stubborn three-fourths by reversing his position, allowing limited offshore drilling along with his initial plans.

Worse yet, he has suggested releasing 70,000 barrels from the Strategic Oil Reserve. Not only has this tactic been denounced by experts as fruitless in reducing prices, it is worrisome to all those concerned with homeland security and has neocons Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh ranting about how it’ll be impossible conquer Europe if American tanks don’t have gas in their engines. This is especially sad since Obama had denounced the gimmicky gas-tax holiday.

Unless these three-fourths wise up soon, there won’t even be an alternative energy policy to endorse. Then, it’ll be too late to change opinion, and that is something that our wallets, cars, children and yes, even the polar bears, will never let us forget.



YOU MUST BE THIS TALL TO RIDE THE NEWSROOM
Change comes with high price tag

Technological advances don’t always improve life, may invade privacy

Usually the point of an opinion piece is to have an opinion. In a departure from the tradition of the column, I’ve got a question, not an answer.



MICHAEL BAUMANN
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I’ve done a modicum of reading in the field of political theory. To some, this is a rather esoteric field, apart from pulling John Locke’s “separation of church and state” idea out of the context of its time and completely misrepresenting it ... but that’s another column.

Today I concern myself with Edmund Burke, a contemporary, friend and sometime antagonist of Thomas Paine. Burke was the father of traditional conservatism, a movement that has as much to do

with libertarianism as any other modern mainstream ideology. Burke argued the importance of tradition and warned against the sudden and violent revolution that Paine and, it seems, most people today, favor.

We’ve seen a presidential campaign run almost completely on the watchword of change. This isn’t a dig at Obama so much as an opportunity to pose the following question: Is change always good?

Change has brought us the convenience and freedom of cars, but also their dangers: pollution, oil-centered foreign policy and stock car racing. Change has brought us cinema and television, allowing us to see anything from Michael Phelps’ swimming exploits in Beijing to election coverage in real time. But it has also brought us 24-hour news networks that overemphasize trivial stories to fill airtime, sat us down in front of the tube instead of taking us outside and made what few dinners we still eat as

families revolve around reruns of “Seinfeld” (great as they might be) instead of conversation.

I’m not a Luddite by any stretch of the imagination. I watch tons of television, I’d rather drive than walk most places and I’m giving serious thought to voting for the candidate for whom the word “change” is as much a vocal tic as anything else. But I can’t help but wonder if our society is the dog that caught the car — we’ve advanced so far so quickly that we don’t really know what to do with ourselves.

My mother jokes occasionally about some advances in technology and other fronts being waypoints on the march to Big Brother at best, to Armageddon at worst. The iPhone is probably not going to evolve into the Mark of the Beast, but it is worth taking into account whether we want all the baggage that comes with having the world at our fingertips all the time.

I’m not sure if it’s worth it.

THE KIMI LAB

Death sentence fit for child rapists

Capital punishment only acceptable for murder, crimes against children

In the short span of a week, the Supreme Court took some tough cases to



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task and made a few landmark rulings this summer. One such ruling concerned the death penalty and child rapists, and although it was a 5-4 decision, the Court declared that child rapists cannot receive the death penalty.

Since 1976, capital punishment has been banned for rape, and thus it applies only to murder — the punishment fits the crime. I understand and respect this reasoning; in general, the death penalty is not something that I endorse.

That said, a rape victim has to live and deal with

the trauma resulting from the attack. Life is over for murder victims, but life is irrevocably changed for victims of rape. They can certainly recover, but the enormity of what they must work through — and the nightmarish reality of what happened — is a torturous process. I don’t think I’m being presumptuous in assuming that things will never quite be the same for a rape victim.

So with that in mind, I cannot even begin to imagine what this same process would be like for a child. They are young and have their whole life ahead of them, but the long-lasting effects of this trauma cannot be ignored. Further, some victims of child abuse and molestation can carry these patterns into their adulthood, therefore harming more lives.

As a civilized society, there are criminal acts we should not tolerate. Child rape is one of them, an act so heinous that even other criminals shun the perpetrators in prison. Few things, if any, eclipse the

moral depravity of harming a child.

Of course, there are some considerations that should be kept in mind. For example, an 18-year-old who is caught having consensual sex with his 16-year-old girlfriend can be forced to register as a sex offender. I hardly think that situation is fair, as it lumps innocent people in with truly dangerous predators. Additionally, extensive DNA testing should be done in these cases, and executions carried out only if guilt is beyond any doubt.

I’m all for using the death penalty only when necessary, but the fact that a lethal injection is considered “cruel and unusual punishment” is absolutely ludicrous when one thinks of all a child rapist has done. Rape in itself is a horrifying crime, but to put a child through that hellish experience is above and beyond cruel and unusual. The child may not be dead, but in this case, capital punishment for these rapists fits the crime.

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IN OUR OPINION

Gameday means it’s time to get noisy, silly

R-O-W-D-I-E — That’s the way we spell “Crush N.C. State.”

The spread might be double digits, but this is a statement game — a dominating performance against the Wolfpack will set the tone for when the Dawgs come to town. With a rounded-out roster, this season has potential, but home field advantage has to mean advantage.

Every time a student from Alabama remarks, “It’s not quite the same ‘up here,’” it’s embarrassing. Every team we play should look forward to the seasons they don’t have to make a trip to Williams-Brice.

Students lucky enough to attend need to scream, holler and generally get pumped up. Don’t worry about what Mr. Too Cool thinks two rows back or what people might say should the ESPN camera swing by. With countless enthusiastic students dying to get tickets who got left out, it’s not just a suggestion: It’s your duty to get rowdy and make State’s offensive series as difficult as possible.

It should go without saying that getting raucous doesn’t involve throwing water bottles, starting fights or generally acting like a jerk. Violence is wholly unacceptable — although a little innocent ribbing never killed anybody.

Most importantly, the noise doesn’t stop till the clock does — while the game will hopefully be over shortly into the third quarter, let them hear it all night. Consider it practice for the close games down the stretch.

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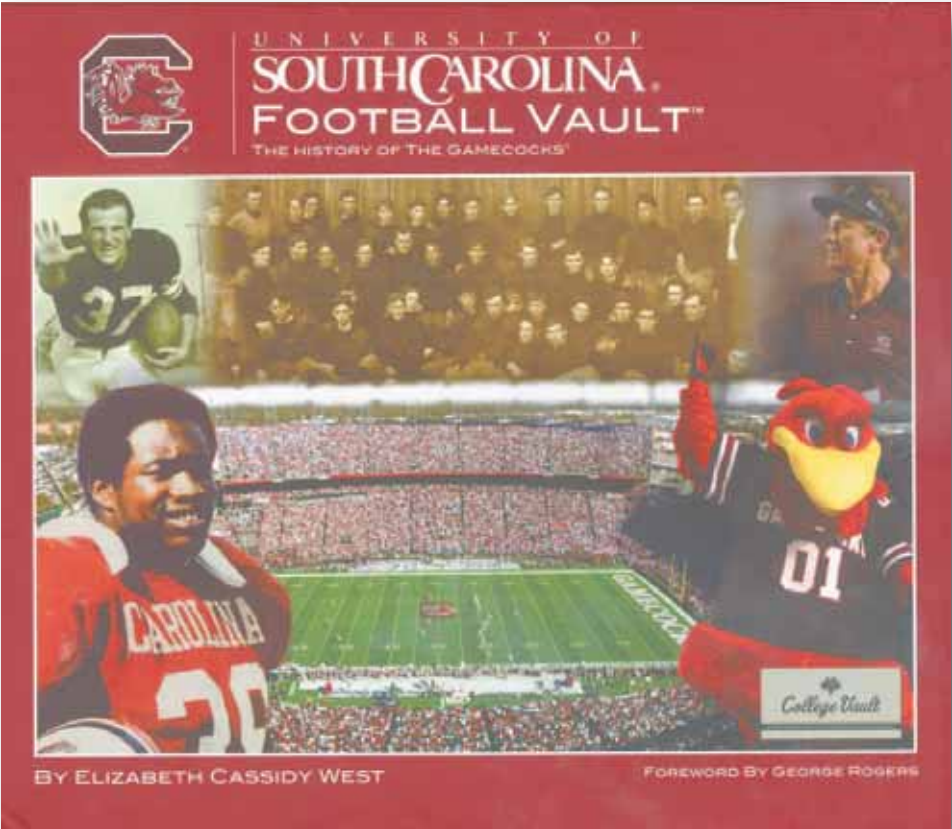
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The book combines fascinating tales of Gamecock legends — Billy Laval, Rex Enright, Paul Dietzel, Jim Carlen, Lou Holtz, Joe Morrison, Steve Wadiak, “Deacon” Dan Reeves, Bobby Bryant, Alex Hawkins, Jeff Grantz, George Rogers, Sterling Sharpe and more — with never-before-published historic photographs and replicas of unique memorabilia tucked inside the pages.



THE FORUM

Reader comments from DailyGamecock.com

In response to “AAAS stresses involvement on campus” by Sean Gruber

African American students definitely need to be involved in a greater variety of student organizations. The workforce will not afford them the opportunity to congregate in groups. So, it will be a good idea for them to be exposed to more of those dynamics prior to exiting the University.

Also, there needs to be greater emphasis on academic excellence. Some students are doing great, but more to step up. Students talk about an assortment of topics, but spend little time sharing what they are learning in class with others.

I am glad to see that there is a level of responsibility for recognizing the need for change as well as the willingness to make the necessary adjustments to move the organization further.

i think this organization is racist. could a white, oriental, asian, or native american belong to this organization? doubtful. would the university of south carolina allow a student association for white-only, students?

While AAAS’s main goal is to reach out to the black student community, that does not mean the organization has a “blacks only” policy.

Believe it or not, not every member of the organization is black. There are white and asian members of AAAS and

they participate without fear of being ridiculed or ostracized (which they are not anyway). There are people of mixed nationalities who belong to the organization as well, and as are accepted like all the other members.

Besides, we both know there are student organizations with a completely white (or some race other than black) membership. People have a tendency to gravitate toward commonalities, so of course the groups are the way they are.

What do you think members of the community, especially black organizations would call it if white students had an organization that seeked to “unify whites?” You know what they would call it? The KKK, the White Supremacists, Skinheads and any other hate group of which you can name. These types of organizations do nothing to unify anyone but in fact do just the opposite. They are extremely divisive. I am tired of the double standard. Do away with these group for blacks, just like they are morally prohibited for whites in society.

In response to “Alcohol no macho-ism symbol, toy for underage” by Monique Cunin

This reminds me of that one time I drank a case of king cobras and then wrestled a pride of lions. After taking down the lions and making a cape out of the head lion I proceeded to pick

up a humble apprentice, chuck norris. I taught him how to roundhouse kick and grow a beard. After completing my training i sent him into the world to fulfill his destiny.

I would have done it myself but my buzz was wearing off.
How macho am i?

If you were to take any basic social sciences class, they would teach you about causal relationships and what you need for something to qualify as a cause and effect relationship.

The two things you mentioned (raising the drinking age and the reduction in drunk driving fatalities under 21) are not necessarily as related as you think. References are also really nice (otherwise we can all claim general trends).

Sounds to me like you might have data to support your claims that “drunk driving fatalities among those under the age 21 has decreased.” You should be the wanting to plead your case to the Amethyst Initiative right away if you are correct, and I urge you to. However, being a member of MADD you fit my stereotype completely in my previous post. Do you think that the increase in seat belt use, mandatory airbags, roads being safer than ever, and police enforcing traffic with new technologies and with more efficiency have anything to do with it??? If not then I say we get rid of all of that. Who needs airbags, cops, and seatbelts when we can just raise the drinking age to 25 to cut down even more deaths!!!

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Special to THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Students show support for Gamecock football by wearing seersucker suits, sundresses, jerseys

Ellen Meder
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

The anticipation of football season has been growing exponentially all summer in the hearts of Gamecock students, and with the first game comes a wave of unwavering school spirit.

With the joys of football come entirely unique sets of social situations designed to proclaim one’s love of the team.

Along with the decibels of cheering, the wit of the posters and the sheer knowledge of the sport, the clothing that fans choose to wear to the game is often taken as an indicator for support of the team.

When it comes to “dressing out,” there are two main camps at USC: decked out in every article of Gamecocks merchandise ever created or dressed for a Southern garden party.

All across the South, college football is uniquely celebrated with sundresses, pearls, seersucker suits and bow ties.

Many non-Southerners perceive the phenomenon

as exclusive to the Greek system.

When asked about attending football games with her Greek organization, Alison Walker, a second-year retail and fashion merchandising student from Texas, said that she dresses in her black cotton dress and garnet jewelry because it’s “tradition. The girls before me dressed in black dresses and USC-themed accessories, so I follow in their footsteps.”

Caroline Scrantom, a third-year political science student, agreed that “dressing up for football games sets us apart and helps Gamecock football maintain its tradition. It’s a classier way to wake up in the morning and support our school for the day and gives us a sense of pride.”

However, with only 15 percent of USC’s student body involved in social fraternities and sororities, there appears to be more to prim-and-proper dress for the down-and-dirty sport than defined social groups.

“In the East, college football is a cultural exercise. On the West Coast, it is a tourist attraction. In the Midwest, it is cannibalism. But in the South, college football is a religion, and every Saturday is a holy day,” said Marino Casem, former chief athletics administrator at Louisiana’s Alcorn State University.

On the opposite end of the spectrum from Sabbath

attire is second-year athletic training student Dillon Smith.

“I dress in a Troy Williamson jersey, Under Armour shorts, long socks and the garnet wig to top it off. What I wear is about as crazy as I am in the stands. I am the extreme, though,” he said.

For third-year business student Matt Torcasso, his gear is a matter of practicality.

“I can appreciate Carolina tradition and dressing up for games, but unlike Carolina Cup, Williams-Brice is a sweaty, jam-packed stadium, and I definitely prefer my football jersey and cargo shorts.”

Out-of-state students catch on too.

“It didn’t seem like that big of a deal because to me the important thing about supporting the team was attendance, not dress,” said first-year international relations student and Ohio native Lisa Splawinski of her native Buckeye State,

So, whether you choose to support the Gamecocks with matching accessories and palmetto-adorned bow ties or covering every inch of exposed skin in garnet body paint, there’s no wrong way to go when it comes to supporting the Gamecocks.

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Za’s Pizza, with locations at Devine Street and Sparkleberry Crossing Road, frequently features live musical acts.

Za’s Pizza offers distinctive creations at reasonable prices

Mediterranean restaurant incorporates high-quality ingredients in traditional brick oven pies, provides extensive selection of creative calzones, pastas

“Za’s Brick Oven Pizza”
★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Marin Mueller
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Although USC students have scores of options when it comes to ordering pizza, one clearly stands above the others.

Unlike many of its competitors, Za’s doesn’t aim for colossally large slices and isn’t open until almost dawn, but the restaurant’s focus on high-quality ingredients and creative recipes certainly hasn’t gone unnoticed by patrons. By integrating traditional brick oven pizza baking with unexpected ingredients and a casual atmosphere, Za’s stands out among the many restaurants in Columbia.

The menu at Za’s ranges from “Zappetizers” to “Zastas,” and despite the incredibly repetitive use of corny, Za-related puns, the food doesn’t disappoint. The appetizers merge traditional Italian recipes with both Mexican and Mediterranean twists.

The Crab Cakes Santa Fe Style are especially good, using red peppers and chipotle sauce to give them an unexpected zip, while the garnish of aioli sauce complements the crab meat.

One of the more traditional options, Za’s Parmesan Cheese Bread, sounds unoriginal, but the blend of spices used, paired with Za’s brick oven cooking, separates the dish from other cheese breads.

By far the best dishes that Za’s offers are its brick-oven baked calzones and pizzas, referred to as “Zones” and “Zas,” respectively. The variety of Zones available is incredibly diverse, ranging from the Traditional Zone which offers Italian sausage, fresh pepperoni and mozzarella cheese and vegetables to the far quirkier Dr. Feelgood Zone, which is stuffed with ham, turkey, two types of cheeses and lots of

fresh tomatoes.

While the decision to combine a gyro and a calzone seems odd, the resulting product is said to be one of the restaurant’s most popular items. The pizzas offered on the menu span across an even wider range of diverse options, drawing inspiration from Greece, the Northern coast of California and the Southwest.

In fact, despite the number of creative risks taken, only one can be objectively called a fiasco — the Smoked Salmon Za, with its combination of capers, salmon, garlic and gouda cheese, combines more flavors than one thin crust pizza can accommodate.

The best feature of the Za’s menu is the option to create your own pizza. The options provided include nine different sauces (I especially like the tomato and garlic pesto), four types of seafood, 14 different cheeses — including a soy-based cheese for those who don’t eat dairy — 15 meats, ranging from traditional pepperoni to a London broil for the truly adventurous. And to any vegetarian’s delight, there are 26 different fruits and vegetables.

Any combination of these can be served on an eight- or 14-inch thin crust, and most eight-inch pizzas still cost around \$10.

Beyond an extensive menu, Za’s also offers a relaxed atmosphere and live music most Wednesday nights. Next Wednesday, for example, the Gene Dykes Big Band will play, followed by steel drum group Island Close By on September 24th. The music selection is as diverse as the menu at Za’s and augments the restaurant’s comfortable atmosphere.

Za’s offers a wide selection of pizzas, pastas and calzones that use high quality ingredients while keeping costs low. When you’re craving pizza but can’t stand the thought of eating at the Mellow Mushroom for the sixth weekend in a row, Za’s offers something slightly different but just as good.

More information can be found at zasbrickovenpizza.com. Za’s has two locations — one on Devine Street and one in Northeast Columbia on Sparkleberry Crossing Road.

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5 things were
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this
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GONZO

The Life and Work of Dr.
Hunter S. Thompson

Released on July 4th into independent theaters across America, Alex Gibney's documentary "Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson" offers an intimate look into the life of a true rebel journalist. Here at The Mix we have an affinity to the work of Thompson and find his work innovative and inspirational. The documentary, narrated by actor and Thompson friend Johnny Depp, delves into the events that inspired Thompson and the people who were affected by his work. Gibney interviews such famous faces as President Jimmy Carter, Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner and Thompson's wife Anita Thompson. These personal insights reveal a man wrought with turmoil but filled with the desire to achieve greatness. Rest in Peace, Doctor.

1 Dexter

Since its killer debut in late 2006, Showtime's "Dexter" has been leaving an impression on critics and fans alike. Here at The Mix, we too were unable to resist the charms of a likeable serial killer. "Dexter," based on Jeff Lindsay's 2004 novel "Darkly Dreaming Dexter," follows a seemingly mild-mannered blood spatter analyst for the Miami Police Department (Michael C. Hall) who lives a double life as a serial killer. Dexter's method of murder proves to be unorthodox for the typical serial murderer: He only kills other killers. The show's plot twists and engrossing character development involving those who surround Dexter are addictive and enthralling. With a Season 3 premier set for September 28th, we at The Mix cannot wait for our next fix of "Dexter."



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Mike
Birbiglia

This quirky and often awkward New York-based comedian has been a rising star on the comedy scene for the past two years. Birbiglia delivers his strange and oddly normal tales not only onstage, but also from his blog, My Secret Public Journal. These hilarious stories range from an awkward confrontation with Hardball's Chris Matthews to a charity golf tournament that backfired horribly. If you haven't heard of Birbiglia yet, don't worry, you will soon. The comedian is slated to film a pilot for CBS based on his stories and has an off-Broadway play called "Sleepwalk With Me" due to premiere in October. Get ready for this king of the awkward comedy.

2 Democraticstuff.com

While not for the Republican-minded, Democraticstuff.com offers a lighter take on campaign paraphernalia. Indeed the site features the typical anti-Bush goods, but in addition they provide some of the funniest campaign buttons The Mix has ever seen. In playing off the "your group for random presidential candidate" gear of the past, the site sells buttons that proudly proclaim Cat Lovers for Obama, Tree Huggers for Obama, Trains for Obama and many more. Democraticstuff.com also allows the shopper to personalize their democratic garb such as yard signs and T-shirts with his or her name. While we may not be willing to admit a bias here at The Mix, we will admit that these buttons are quite entertaining.



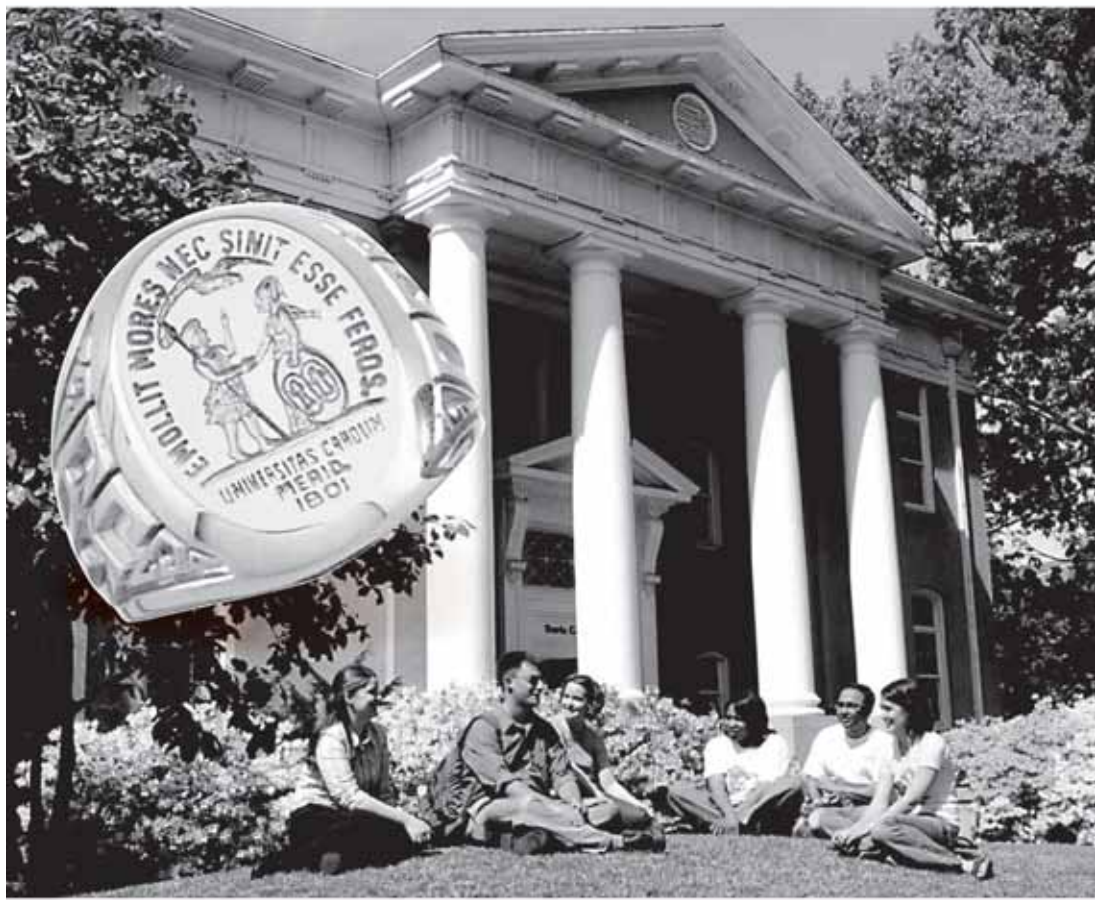
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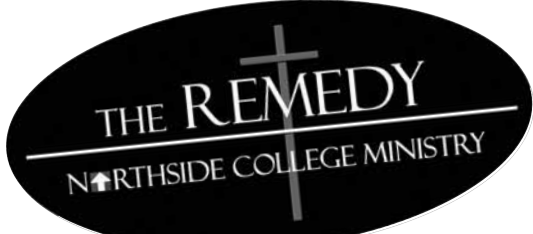
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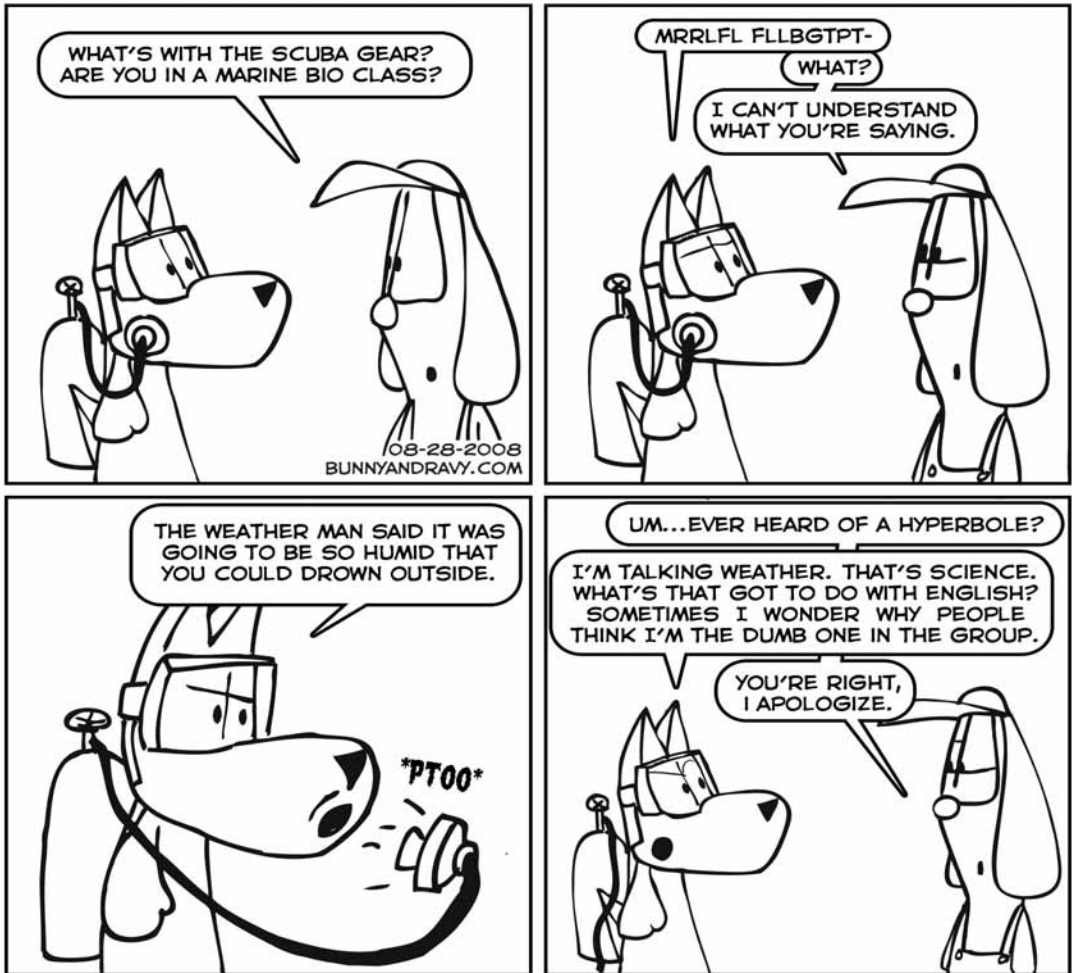


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TAURUS Put off a major purchase for just a little while. Do a few more hours' work and what would now be a stretch will become affordable. It's wonderful how that happens.

GEMINI It's getting easier to express your true feelings again. This is especially true when you're with somebody you love. In fact, you can bet on it. Set a romantic scene.

CANCER Ask for what you've got coming, and you're liable to get it. Then, ask for what you want, just for the fun of it. Be charming and win big.

LEO During the next

few weeks, you can make a lot of money. Don't spend it all on toys. Get a couple of things to help you update your skills. Think about it first.

VIRGO Don't take on the majority of the work; spread it around. It's true, you can do most jobs better than anyone else, but don't. It's important for them to learn.

LIBRA You're learning new ways to express yourself. This is a wonderful thing. People will find it easier to understand your brilliant perceptions. A picture is worth at least a thousand words.

SCORPIO An opportunity to advance in your career is coming up soon. You'll gain the inside track by finishing something you've already promised to do. You know what it is.

SAGITTARIUS New energy from far away spurs your team to greater success. Your team is getting smarter too, and that never hurts. Encourage them and make sure they stay on track.

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TAKING THE HELM

Junior quarterback Tommy Beecher wasn't sure he would stick around past his freshman year; thanks to faith and perseverance, now he's on top of the world

Chris Cox
STAFF WRITER

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Tommy Beecher can only smile when he is reminded that he'll make the first start of his career tonight against the N.C. State Wolfpack.

"I'm ready for Thursday to come. I've been waiting a long time for this," Beecher said on Sunday. "I'm excited. I've had a lot of time to think about this, and I'm just ready for it to come."

"A long time" is an understatement for the redshirt junior. After all, it was Beecher who nearly transferred out of the program two years ago after finding himself buried on the depth chart.

After leading his Concord High School football team to its first state championship in 75 years during his senior season in 2004, Beecher's future was anything but clear.

The only school to officially extend him a scholarship offer was Division I-AA Richmond, while the hometown Duke Blue Devils sought Beecher's services at a position other than quarterback.

"Duke wanted me to play tight end," Beecher said. "But I didn't want to play tight end. I think they had signed the quarterback they wanted [in the 2005 class]."

It was clearly tough for Beecher, who had a strong passion and desire to play for his hometown university.

"I grew up in North Carolina and was a big Duke fan," Beecher said. "My mom and all of my uncles went to Duke."

However, one team's trash was another's treasure.

After USC Coach Steve Spurrier was hired in November 2004, the former Duke coach immediately went looking for someone to run his offense.

Spurrier first heard of Beecher through an administrative assistant at Duke, who had informed him that the Blue Devils were passing on the gunslinger's services.

The rest was history. Beecher became the first ever quarterback to commit to Steve Spurrier's Gamecocks and left behind his dreams of playing for the Blue Devils.

"[Former Duke] Coach Roof and I became close. As soon as I decided to sign my letter of intent to come here, he gave me a call and told me congratulations," Beecher said. "He's been very supportive ever since I've been down here."

However, it wasn't all roses and smiles for Beecher upon his arrival in Columbia. Five different players attempted a pass in Beecher's first season.

The North Carolina native wasn't one of them.

Beecher looked to head out of the door at Williams-Brice Stadium at the end of season, but instead he turned to his strong religious faith, which convinced him to remain a Gamecock.

That faith would continue to be tested through the next several months. After then second-string quarterback Antonio Heffner transferred following the conclusion of the 2005 season, Beecher's chances would seem to have improved in garnering playing time.

However, the redshirt freshman only attempted two passes in 2006, completing both for 19 yards and a touchdown.

Beecher received his first legitimate chance at being the starter at the beginning of the 2007 season. After incumbent starter Blake Mitchell was forced to sit out the opening game against Louisiana Lafayette, Beecher began a stare-down with redshirt freshman and Alabama native Chris Smelley.

Unfortunately for Beecher, Smelley won the starting job against the Ragin' Cajuns. Despite earning playing time in the contest, including throwing a touchdown pass to receiver Kenny McKinley, the right-hander would continue to wait in line for his time to shine.

His perserverance was one of the signs that allowed Coach Spurrier to make the decision to name him this season's starting quarterback.

National champions, ranked teams open season Saturday

New coaches, familiar faces, no-names, Heisman winners set out to prove themselves opening weekend; FBS, FCS champs face off; Clemson, Alabama meet in Atlanta

Austin Smallwood
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The most exciting part of the year is finally upon us. After months of waiting, the nation's thirst for football is quenched. This week offers several games that will make the eight-month wait almost worth it.

10. Utah at Michigan 3:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC

Saturday will mark the beginning of the Rich Rodriguez era in Ann Arbor. Unfortunately for the Wolverines, their opening day opponent is no cupcake. Utah has been a fashionable pick by many analysts as this year's non-BCS team to receive a BCS bowl berth. This season will be a rebuilding year for Michigan as the Wolverines try to adjust to Rodriguez's complex, spread option offense. This change will be even harder as Rodriguez was unable to find a quarterback whose skill set fits the spread option. While Michigan has a strong returning defense, the offense will struggle due to inexperience, which will allow the Utes to steal one in Ann Arbor.
Score: Utah 17 Michigan 7

9. Fresno State at Rutgers 4 p.m. Monday, ESPN

Fresno State, which has been known under coach Pat Hill for its tremendous intensity and energy, seems poised to make some noise nationally this season. Rutgers will have to adjust to life without superstar running back Ray Rice, who left for the NFL. The load of the offense will rest on the arm of senior quarterback Mike Teel. Fresno State will look to attack Teel and force him to beat them by making big plays in the passing game. In the end, look for Teel to step up to the challenge and wound the Bulldogs' BCS dream.
Score: Rutgers 28 Fresno State 20

8. Washington at No. 21 Oregon 10 p.m. Saturday

This Pac-10 game features two teams going in opposite directions. The Ducks will have to rebound from the losses of Dennis Dixon and Jonathan Stewart to the NFL. If the loss of last year's top two offensive weapons was not enough, starting quarterback Nate Costa will be out most of the season with a knee injury. Washington, on the other hand, is led by quarterback Jake Locker, a dual-threat quarterback who burst onto the scene last season. While the Ducks have one of the nation's best secondaries, Locker's running ability should negate some of those ball-hawking skills. The Huskies should pick up a critical Pac-10 win against a wounded Oregon offense.
Score: Washington 31 No. 21 Oregon 14

7. No. 3 Southern California at Virginia 3:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC

Hollywood will visit Charlottesville as the Trojans of Southern Cal face the Cavaliers of UVA. Southern Cal will need to play strong against a weaker UVA team as they prepare to face the Ohio State Buckeyes in a battle of championship contenders. The biggest question for the Trojans is the health of starting quarterback Mark Sanchez. Sanchez is recovering from a knee injury, but he is expected to play in the season opener. Virginia should be no match for the Trojans, who have faced tougher competition in their spring drills and scrimmages. I fully expect Southern Cal to come out and make a statement against the Cavaliers which they hope will resonate all the way to Columbus, Ohio.
Score: No. 3 Southern California 49 Virginia 13

6. No. 17 Virginia Tech at East Carolina, 12 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

The defending ACC champion Virginia Tech Hokies face a team with upset on their mind in Week 1. The Hokies played East Carolina at home last season and won handily. Virginia Tech announced this week that they will start senior quarterback Sean Glennon over the more mobile Tyrod Taylor. ECU will look to take advantage of Glennon's lack of mobility with a strong pass rush. While Glennon lacks speed, he is an accurate and poised quarterback who played well in the latter part of last season. While ECU will try their hardest for an upset, Virginia Tech just has too much speed for them to contain.
Score: No. 17 Virginia Tech 27 East Carolina 14

5. Hawaii at No. 5 Florida 12:30 p.m. Saturday

Tim Tebow and the Florida Gators will look to begin their championship run against the Warriors of Hawaii. After a disappointing title-defense season, Florida looks to rebound with depth and speed at every position. Hawaii, on the other hand, had a rough off-season, recovering from their embarrassing Sugar Bowl loss, as well as the loss of their coach June Jones to SMU. Nobody really knows what to expect as the architect and key components of their high-powered offense have left the island. Tebow will look to defend his Heisman Trophy against a team that called Tebow's ability as a quarterback into question last season. Ultimately the Warriors will wish they never left the comfort of the island.
Score: No. 5 Florida 56 Hawaii 10

4. No. 18 Tennessee at UCLA 8 p.m. Monday, ESPN

Both of these prestigious programs will go through a transition period after major losses in the offseason. After four years at the helm of the Volunteer offense, Erik Ainge has handed the reins over to Jonathan Crompton. UCLA, meanwhile, will be adjusting to a new coaching staff after coach Karl Dorell was let go. One of the major additions to the Bruin coaching staff is new offensive coordinator Norm Chow. Chow is famous for being the architect of the high-powered Trojan offense of Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush. Tennessee will look to establish the running game against an injured Bruin squad.
Score: No. 18 Tennessee 21 UCLA 13

3. Appalachian State at No. 7 Louisiana State 5 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

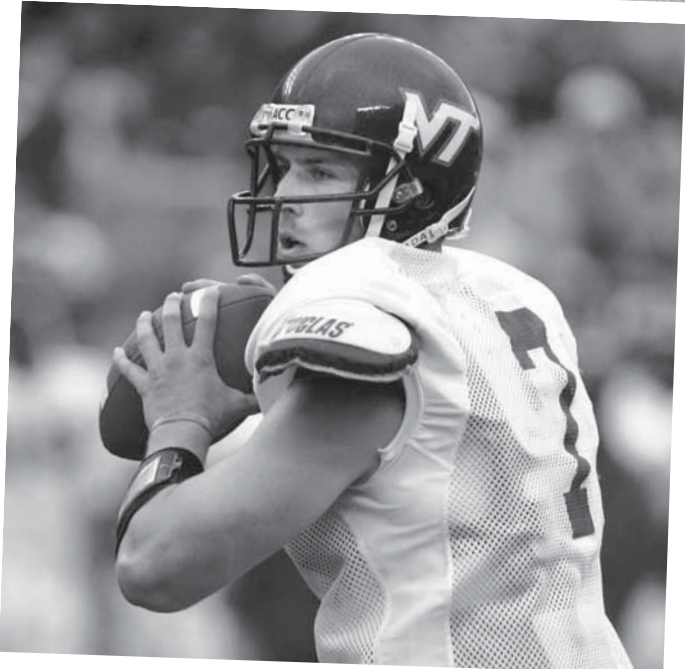
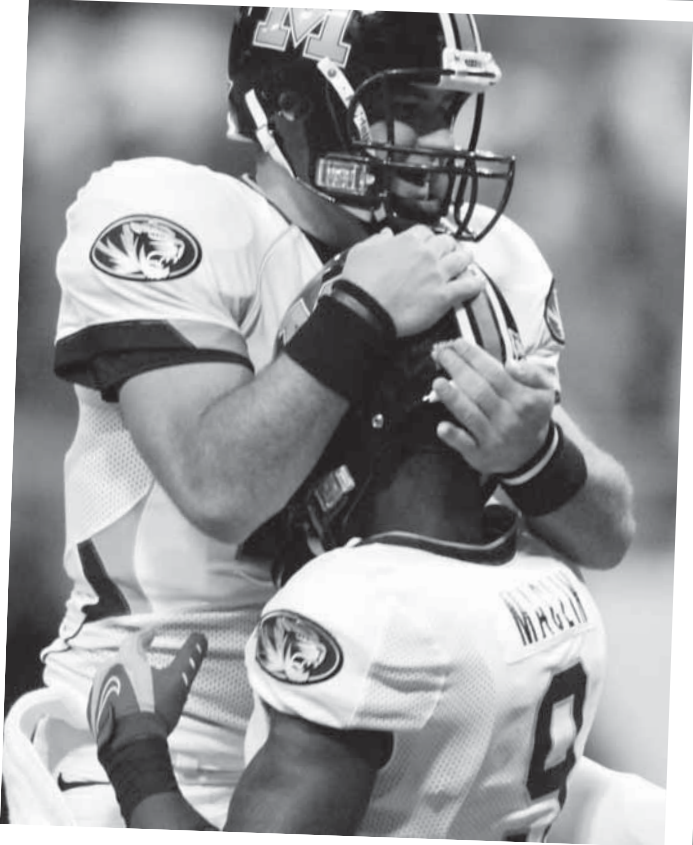
This game is truly a championship bout. For the first time in football history, the BCS champion will play the Football Subdivision Series champion. Appalachian State burst onto the national scene last year after defeating Michigan at home in Week One. LSU, which lost several key players to the NFL, is still loaded with talent on both sides of the ball. The biggest question for the Tigers is starting quarterback after Ryan Perrilloux was cut in the offseason. While App State will keep the game close, ultimately the Tigers just have too much size and speed.
Score: No. 7 LSU 42 Appalachian State 14

2. No. 20 Illinois vs. No. 6 Missouri at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis 8:30 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

This matchup of top-25 teams will be critical in determining the fate of their seasons. Both teams have high-powered offenses led by experienced and mobile quarterbacks in Juice Williams and Chase Daniel. Missouri, despite only losing to Oklahoma, found themselves outside the BCS while a three-loss Illinois team found their way to the Rose Bowl. Expect Missouri to take out some of their hostility about last season's end on Illinois. Illinois's running game will suffer a setback this season after the loss of Rashard Mendenhall to the NFL. The Tigers of Missouri will look to get their season off on the right note in a critical rivalry game.
Score: No. 6 Missouri 35 No. 20 Illinois 24

1. No. 9 Clemson vs. No. 24 Alabama at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta 8 p.m. Saturday, ABC

The premier game of the week pits the ACC against the SEC. Both of these teams look to rebound from disappointing seasons, and a Week One win would be a great place to start. Clemson will look to feature their strong backfield of Cullen Harper, James Davis and C.J. Spiller. The problem for Clemson will be protecting this strong backfield behind an offensive line that looked very porous in the spring game. Alabama will look to rebound in year two of the Nick Saban era. Saban was able to bring in a very strong recruiting class, headlined by wideout Julio Jones. Alabama will look to use their defensive versatility to create pressure on the inexperienced offensive line of the Tigers. If Alabama can reduce turnovers and contain the running game of Clemson, they may be able to sneak out of Atlanta with an upset win.
Score: No. 24 Alabama 24 No. Clemson 17



Courtesy of The Associated Press

Can Washington pull off the upset in Oregon? Can Rick Neuheisel redeem himself at UCLA? Can Chase Daniel challenge for the Heisman again? Will Michigan and Appalachian State repeat their remarkable opening weeks from last year? Can Sean Glennon be the man? We'll know by Monday night.

GAMECOCKS IN THE NFL

What can Brown do for you?

Former Gamecock cornerback outstanding without standing out

Michael Baumann
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Most casual football fans know former USC cornerback Sheldon Brown, if at all, from one moment during the 2007 NFC playoffs. New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush caught a flare pass in the first quarter and looked up. Brown, starting at cornerback for the Philadelphia Eagles, didn't so much run into Bush as through him, and the ball flew out of Bush's hands and landed harmlessly a few feet away. The Heisman Trophy winner went to his knees, got up, then fell back down before returning to the sideline to be reassembled.

Brown's feelings of that hit echoed those of Saints fans: "When a guy's on the football field on the ground, you hope he gets up."

That one moment was a rare highlight reel appearance for a player who enters his seventh NFL season having never missed a game or made a Pro Bowl. While Brown has developed into one of the premier cornerbacks in the NFL, he has been content to do his job in a backfield filled with bigger names.

Instead of promoting himself, Brown has made a point of learning from players around him, a habit that goes all the way back to his time at USC, where he is part of a parade of former Gamecocks who have gone on to play defensive back in the NFL, earning USC the nickname "DBU."

"I think it goes back to the days of [Browns cornerback] Terry Cousin," Brown said. "He doesn't get the respect that he deserves, and when I was recruited I saw him play. He passed the torch to me, and I passed the torch to Dunta Robinson, and he passed the torch to Jonathan Joseph and Fred Bennett."

At USC, Brown was one of the standout cornerbacks in the SEC, playing on two Outback Bowl-winning teams. USC has not been back to a January bowl since he graduated.

Brown was part of an impressive 2002 Eagles draft haul that included Florida cornerback Lito Sheppard, Colorado safety Michael Lewis and Villanova running back



Courtesy of Philadelphia Eagles Media Relations

Former Gamecock cornerback Sheldon Brown (24) has a reputation as an outstanding pass defender (right) and tackler (left).

Brian Westbrook.

Since then, Lewis and Sheppard have both made Pro Bowls. Sheppard has posted higher interception totals and has a higher reputation around the league, despite battling injuries. Brown seems to be content with his reputation of quiet competence.

"It really doesn't bother me," Brown said. "Lito was their first-round draft pick, so the marketing department has to promote him as the guy."

Despite excelling against SEC competition, life in the NFL was difficult at first for

Brown.

"My first year, I was really questioning myself. It was very hard, but every year gets easier," he said. "You don't know what to expect, and you expend so much energy not knowing what to do or where to be. The mental aspect is half the battle. The players that play long prepare themselves week in, week out."

Brown began his NFL career in a defensive backfield that included four Pro Bowlers,

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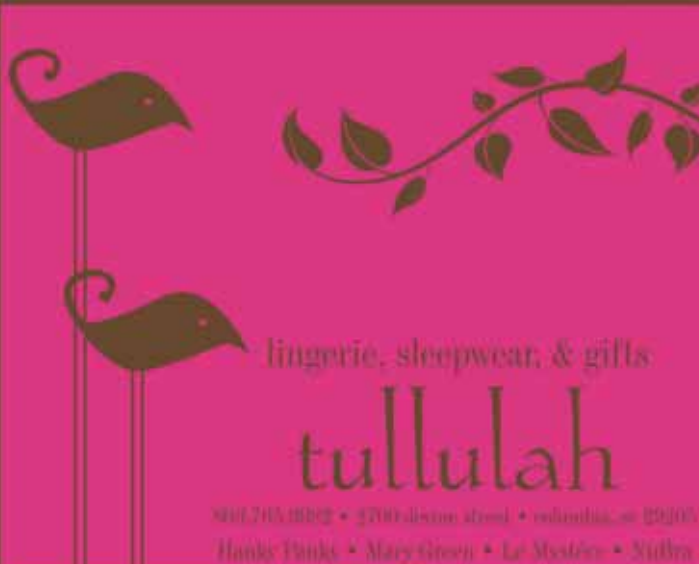


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McKinley jumpstarts offensive attack

Carolina receivers must step up to compensate for questionable rushing offense

Drew Lattier
STAFF WRITER

Tonight is the night of a new beginning. Few things can erase the painful memories of last year's downward spiral toward the end of the season, but that was last year. This year for the Gamecocks, it's about starting the season on the right note: with a win.

Without question, a win tonight against N.C. State would do wonders for the Gamecocks' confidence. To get the all-important first victory, USC needs a strong performance out of the offense. USC needs its wide receivers to step up this week when there is a questionable rushing game.

Confident and prepared, senior Kenny McKinley is ready to lead by example. Now in his fourth season playing, McKinley has started a total of 31 games, including the last 29. The most experienced of all the returning players, he is ready to make a statement tonight.

"I strive for playing in front of the big crowds," McKinley said. "I can't wait."


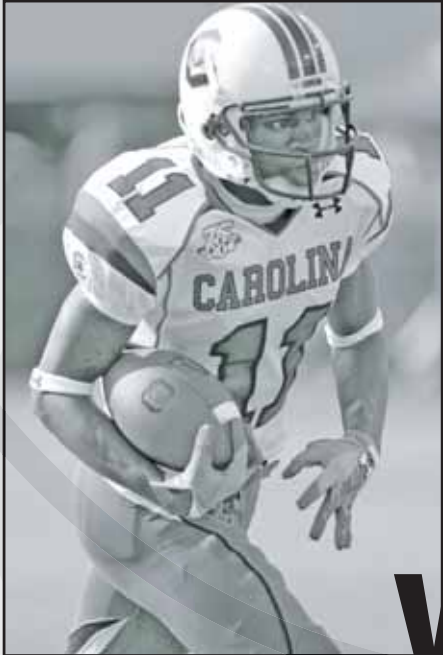
For the passing game to really take off for Carolina, confidence between the now-starting quarterback Tommy Beecher and his receivers is key. Although Carolina's quarterback situation seems to always be on the edge of uncertainty, the players have put their faith in Beecher.

"He's showing a lot of confidence now, and he's making the big throws and big plays that we all believe he can make in the game," McKinley said.

Although the Wolfpack were ranked 11th in the ACC in total defense last season, N.C. State's secondary will try to stop the Carolina

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KENNY MCKINLEY VS. JEREMY GRAY

pass threat. Bringing the most experience to the field against the receivers in garnet and black will be seniors J.C. Neal and Jeremy Gray. Gray, a 6-foot-2 cornerback, could possibly team up with safety Neal to make McKinley a difficult target for Beecher.

With N.C. State focusing in on stopping McKinley, the door is wide open for another Carolina receiver to have a breakout game. Starting wide receiver Moe Brown is more than ready to prove himself for the Gamecocks.

"I guess you could say I have underachieved since I've been here," Brown said. "So I'm ready to get on the upswing and show Gamecock Nation what I can do."

Brown amassed a total of 22 catches for 242 yards in his first two years. The junior receiver will have the opportunity to put an end to his less than fabulous numbers tonight. With McKinley likely to see double coverage part of the night, Brown will be running against man-to-man most of the game.







"I practice against some of the best corners in the nation," Brown said. "I'm pretty confident that I can handle anybody as far as a corner, one on one, let's go at it."

Joining McKinley and Brown in the starting receiver slot will be sophomore Dion Lecorn. The promising athlete had 27 receptions last year for 315 yards.

The Gamecocks are in dire need of a win to start the season off right, and having a strong performance out of the receivers would sure help those chances.

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BEECHER • Continued from 1B

"It's been well-documented what type of young man Tommy is," Spurrier said. "I think that will help our team. I hope it rubs off on the other players. He certainly does have a chance to be a quarterback that's a leader because of the way he handles himself."

Other than Beecher's perseverance, his intelligence was one of the many other reasons that led to his upcoming starting job.

In 2006, Beecher was the football team's Harold White GPA Award winner among offensive players.

He then was awarded the Andrew Sorensen Scholar-Athlete Award in consecutive years for earning the highest grade point average on the team. Through his first three years at Carolina, Beecher has accumulated an impressive 3.83 GPA.

In addition, Beecher currently holds a Wyman L. Williams Scholarship for Mathematics.

Coupled with his knack for winning close football

games, most of which came during his final season at Concord High, Spurrier has dubbed Beecher the quarterback for the entirety of the season, barring any unforeseen injury.

"Tommy's going to get a

“ When he stepped into the huddle and talked... everybody listened ”

Senior wide receiver Kenny McKinley

chance to go the distance," Spurrier said. "Tommy's earned the right to be the quarterback, and he's going to have every opportunity to hang in there a long time. I think he's ready to play and he's put in a lot of time to know our offense very well."

Spurrier clearly has a strong confidence in the junior, as he eliminated

any form of a quarterback controversy upon the conclusion of spring practice.

The fourth-year head coach dubbed Beecher USC's incumbent starter at a Gamecock Club meeting in April.

However, Spurrier isn't the only one with unprecedented confidence in Beecher.

"His confidence shot way up," wideout Kenny McKinley said of Beecher last July. "He has the whole team behind him. This summer, when he stepped into the huddle and talked to the guys, everybody listened. Beecher is the man, and we're rallying around him 100 percent. I have no doubt he will show everybody what he can do."

"It's a good feeling knowing that an All-American like McKinley would say that about you," Beecher said. "I've got complete confidence in them that they'll make plays for me, and I hope that they have complete confidence that I'll get the ball to them."

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Brinkley returns to command defense

With opposing offense reeling from injuries, Jasper Brinkley and the Gamecock defense will showcase skills on national stage

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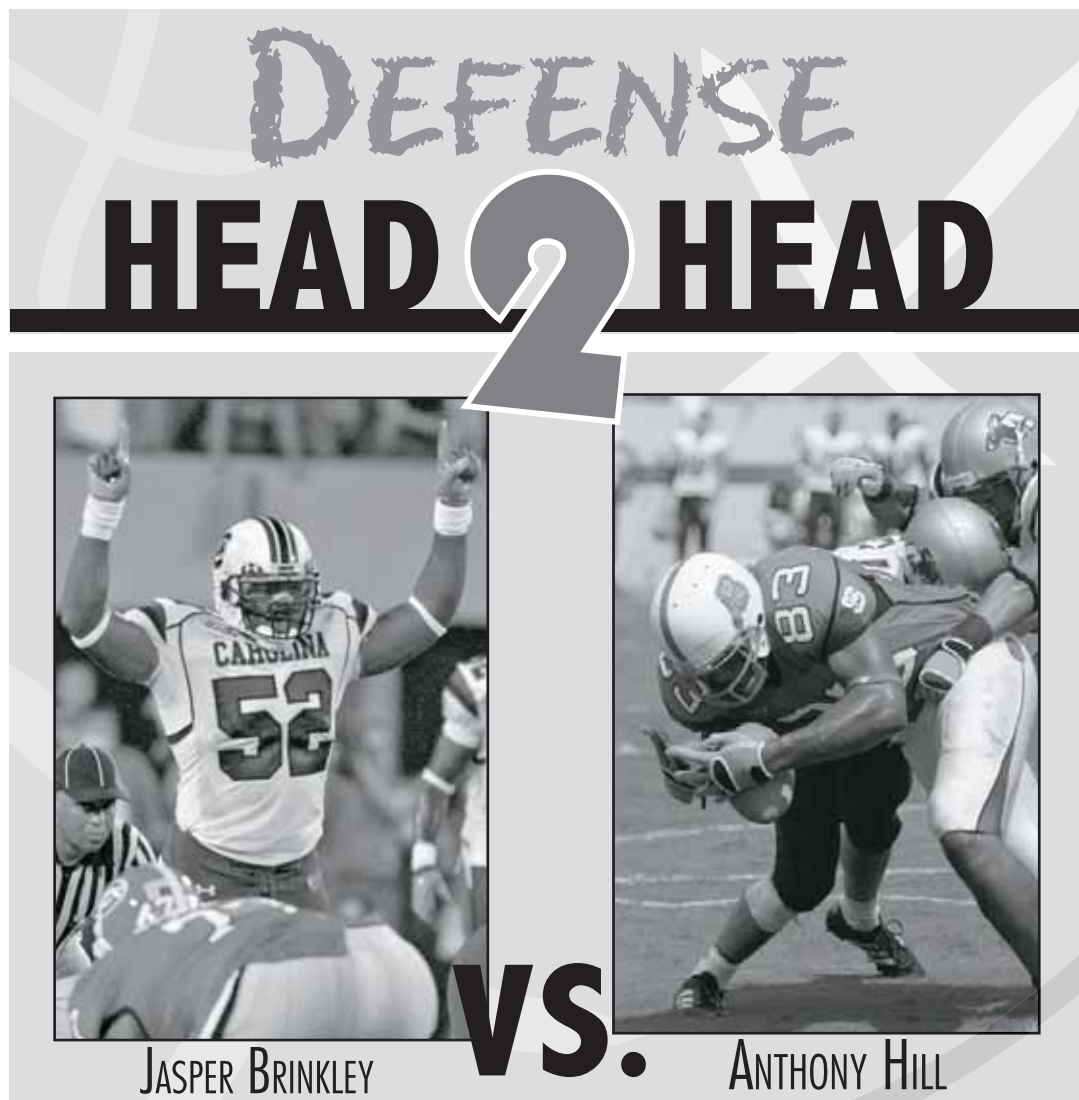
Throughout offseason there has been talk that the South Carolina defense could rank among the top units in the country. By returning 10 starters, including team captain and All-SEC candidate Jasper Brinkley, who missed almost all of last season to a devastating knee injury, there is no reason to think otherwise. With talent at every position and veteran leadership across the board, look for this defense to carry the team this season.

Carolina's vaunted defense will match up against a young and inexperienced group from N.C. State that has been recently decimated by injuries. The Wolfpack lost their top two running backs in Jamelle Eugene and Toney Baker and their leading returning receiver when Donald Bowens went down to a season-ending back injury. They will be led by redshirt freshman quarterback Russell Wilson and senior tailback Andre Brown, who rushed for 447 yards on 95 carries last year and has a career total of 1772 yards.

Still, these injuries have not changed how the defense is preparing for N.C. State and head coach Tom O'Brien's offense. Spurrier said that O'Brien's offenses are always disciplined and "they never get out of position too much." Spurrier knows that there is some uncertainty surrounding the other team, but that does not mean that N.C. State will be an easy opponent.

Last season the Gamecocks had a suffocating pass defense that ranked fourth in the nation, but struggled in stopping the run. With a goal of becoming better and more balanced, this year they are running a version of the 4-2-5 defense brought in by new coordinator Ellis Johnson. This defense features the standard four defensive linemen, two linebackers (Brinkley and fellow All-SEC performer Eric Norwood) and five defensive backs.

The pass defense will continue to be



JASPER BRINKLEY

ANTHONY HILL

strong thanks to all of the starting defensive backs from last season returning, and the run defense will get better. It is expected that strong safety Emmanuel Cook, who led the team in tackles last year with 92, will play closer to the line of scrimmage to try and help stop the run. Doing this will free up other playmakers on the defense,

forcing the opposing quarterbacks into making bad decisions and will hopefully lead to sacks and turnovers.

The Gamecocks plan to implement this strategy against N.C. State. The Wolfpack have totally reassembled their offensive line after its less than spectacular performance one year ago. To do this, they brought in

two players that played defense in Ted Larson and John Bedics, who will now be starting at center and guard, respectively. While this may benefit N.C. State later in the season, the Gamecocks will try and capitalize on their inexperience and look get after redshirt freshman Russell Wilson, who is also making his first start. Expect blitz schemes that will try and confuse the line as the Gamecocks are expected to bring pressure all night.

N.C. State has one definite playmaker on offense in fifth-year senior tight end Anthony Hill. Hill missed all of last season with a torn ACL that he suffered just before the season began. He was a second team All-ACC performer in 2006 and he led the Wolfpack in receptions with 45. Russell Wilson will most likely use Hill as a security blanket against the swarming Gamecock defense, so containing him will be essential. Other than Hill, the Wolfpack have a trio of sophomore wide receivers that are expected to get playing time. However they, like the rest of the offense, are young and have only caught 25 combined passes for their careers. With junior cornerback Captain Munnerlyn and the rest of the Gamecock secondary covering them, those numbers should not grow too much.

The youth of N.C. State against the experience of South Carolina will be one of the deciding factors in this game. For an offense that only returns five starters, opening prime time Thursday night against an SEC foe in a hostile environment would be one of the least desirable scenarios. However N.C. State has been preparing for this game, and will come to play. Brinkley and company have a challenge ahead of them in the Wolfpack.

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5 Questions with Jake Broom

Will Tommy Beecher be successful as the starting quarterback?

At this point not only am I driving the Tommy Beecher Bandwagon, the title is in my name and I've already gotten a sorority girl to have his initials monogrammed on the back window. I don't think Beecher is going to bring the Heisman back to Columbia, but I think he will be solid enough to win some games. He might throw an interception or two, but you won't catch him keying cars, punching bouncers or peeing in public. That already puts him a step ahead of most of Carolina's recent quarterbacks.

Will N.C. State quarterback Russell Wilson last the entire game?

N.C. State's quarterback race finally ended when Tom O'Brien named redshirt freshman quarterback Russell Wilson the starter. Wilson has never played a down and is only 5-foot-11 and 191 lbs. He doesn't even need a hotel room on road games; O'Brien just throws him in his pocket and keeps him alive on Reese's Pieces and Nerds.

Jasper Brinkley looks at him like Oprah looks at a plate of cheese fries. This is about to get ugly.



JAKE BROOM
Graduate student

How will Ellis Johnson's defense be different from last year's?

I'll admit it; I'm pretty jacked up about Ellis Johnson. Mainly because he wears giant, floppy sombrero-esque hats to practice that absolutely kill me. The man insists on having 12 square feet of shade around him at all times. He is like a walking bottle of SPF 50.

But it isn't just the hat — apparently the guy can coach. Look for his defense to be a lot more consistent than Tyrone Nix's.

What is with the Gamecock Walk?

Steve Spurrier declared this week that the players would walk through the stadium parking lot around 5:45 before the game, and so the "Gamecock Walk" was reborn. Doesn't anybody do anything original anymore? At Georgia it's the Dawg Walk. At Tennessee it's the Vol Walk. At Ole Miss it's the Walk of Champions (high comedy). Apparently Virginia Tech has a lot of simple people, because there it is just The Walk.

I say we start walking these guys through the parking lot

after the game. If they play well, it's an amazing new tradition that kicks off the post-game party. If they don't play well, they might get hit in the head with a stray battery or clubbed in the kneecap. We could have used a Gamecock Walk Home after the Vanderbilt game last year. Sure I'd be serving five to 10 for assault, but somebody would have learned a lesson.

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If they had to change it, why not just have a giant rock, paper, scissors tournament? I'd rather go down in a thumb war for tickets than lose an Internet lottery.

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BROWN • Continued from 3B

including Clemson alum Brian Dawkins. Ironically, one of the biggest positive influences on Brown was the man he was drafted to replace, cornerback Troy Vincent.

"Troy was a guy I tried to mold myself to play like him and steal from his technique and fundamentals, and I think he deserves a lot of credit for why I'm so successful," Brown said.

The Lancaster native has worn green and lived, at least partly, in New Jersey for his entire career, but home to him still means USC, and he tries to keep up with his former teammates.

"I'll go home and I'll go to the games. When I came into the league I stayed up with Dunta Robinson more, but now I'm getting old and funky," he said. "Those guys are from my area, and if guys are coming from that area, obviously I'm going to stay focused and make sure they do well."

During his time in Philadelphia, Brown has played in one of the most heated rivalries in pro football between the Eagles and the Dallas Cowboys, but a different rivalry still stands

out in his mind.

"Definitely Clemson," Brown said. "I was born and raised in South Carolina, and I never realized the Dallas rivalry until I came to Philly, then some of your teammates may leave the Eagles to play for Dallas."

The most famous example is mercurial wide receiver Terrell Owens, who helped the Eagles to a Super Bowl, then jumped ship for the rival Cowboys over a contract dispute the following season.

Brown said that, even with all the drama surrounding Owens, covering his onetime teammate in the biggest games of the season does not make him uneasy.

"It's not weird because you understand the business. I think I've been very fortunate to be with the same team for seven years," he said.

Considering all he has gained from veteran role models like Vincent and Cousin, Brown tries to be the same type of positive influence on younger players on the Eagles. This year, he's got his eye on Kyle Arrington, an undrafted rookie cornerback from Hofstra who is trying to hold onto a roster spot, something Brown never had to worry about in the NFL.

"[Arrington]'s my project," Brown said. "And I tell him that I learned from Troy, and I tell him to watch what I do and ask if he has questions."

And if Arrington doesn't make it?

"It's tough, but basically we tell him every time you play in a football game you're auditioning for 31 teams," Brown said. "If a guy has it and you see it, you just keep encouraging him because

he'll play somewhere."

Take it from a guy who has learned from the best.

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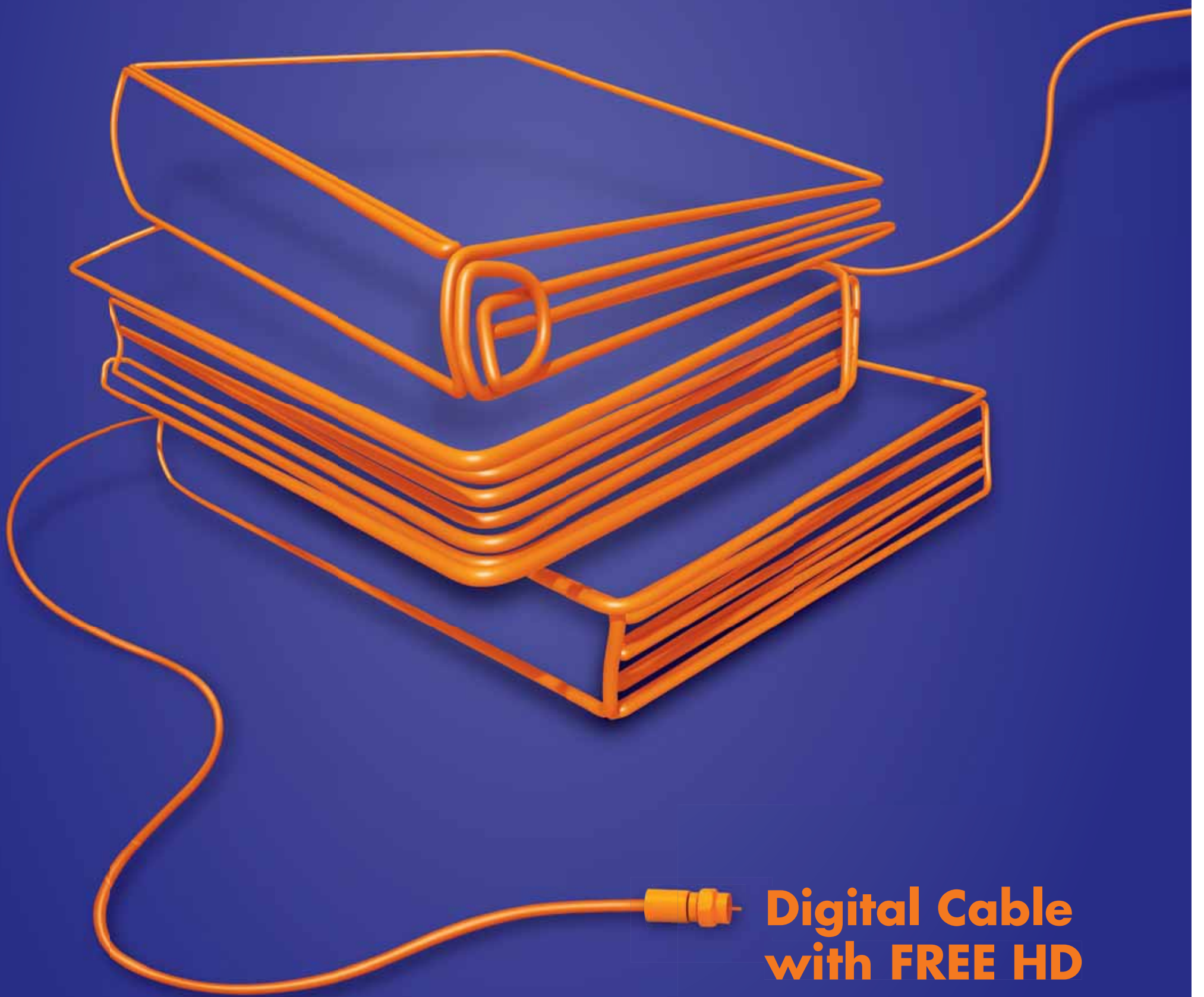
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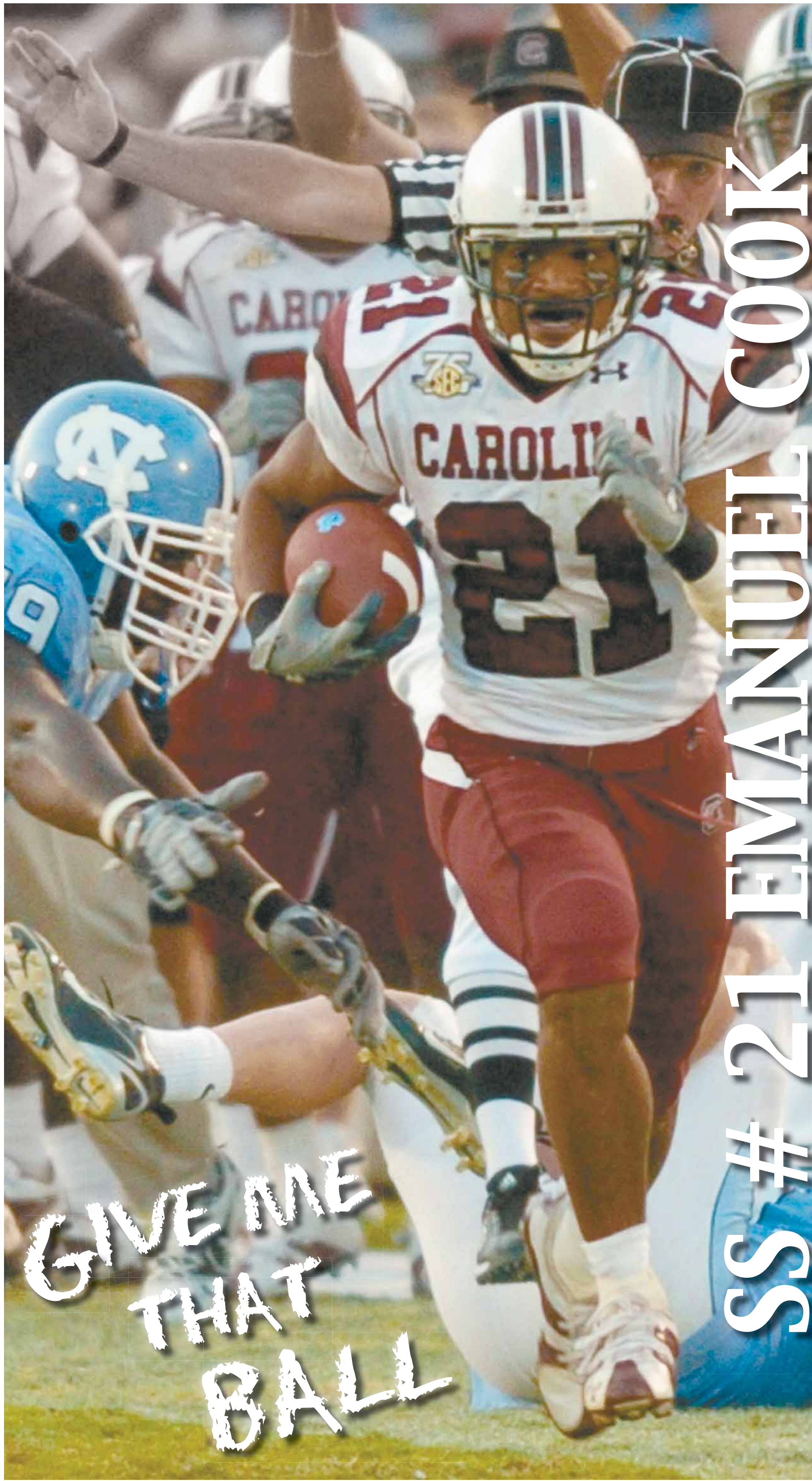


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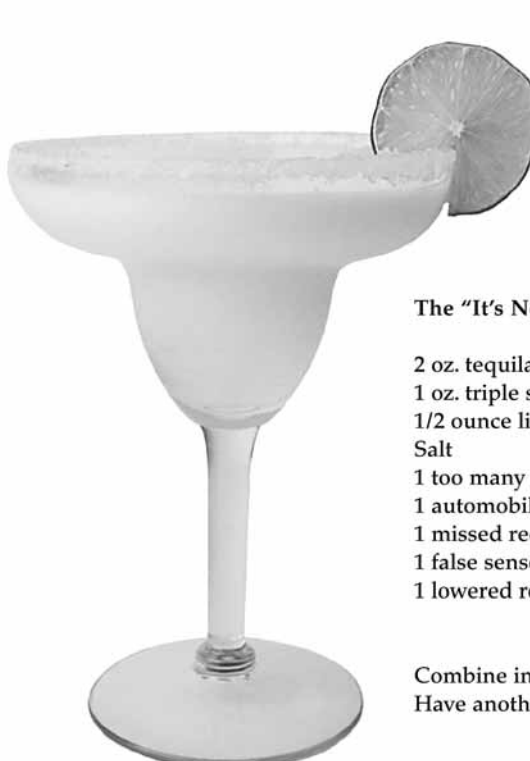
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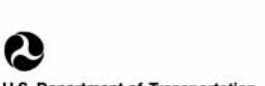



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10.	Alpha Delta Pi sorority	3.28	28
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12.	Gamma Phi Beta sorority	3.23	199
13.	Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	3.21	52
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